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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312

Sir

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0563. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0563.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.